

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

Claim objections

Claims 1-6 presently stand objected to because of informalities. In particular, the Examiner notes that claim 1 has plural capitalized words, but each claim should contain only one capitalized word. Claims 1-6 have been amended to correct all extraneous occurrences of capitalized words. Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner notes that the phrase "with a sliding base" in claim 1 is not understood. Also, the meaning of the term "tenon," while generally recognized in the woodworking art, is not clear in claims 3-6. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. The Examiner's indication of allowable claims is noted with appreciation.

Claim 1 has been amended to replace the phrase "a sliding base" with the phrase "a roller supporting member." The specification has been amended accordingly to provide literal antecedent basis. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that, by reference to the figures and specifically Figs. 2 and 4, the "sliding base" is a block member, or the like, on which a pair of rollers are supported. Upright "hand-control connecting rods" pass slidably between the rollers, in a gap formed between the rollers. Therefore, the phrase "roller supporting member" is supported by the original disclosure of Figs. 2 and 4, and clearly describes the claimed element.

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to replace the term "tenon" with the phrase "locking pin." While the Examiner has rejected claims 3-6 for the term "tenon," it is noted that the term does not appear in either claim 4 or claim 6. The specification has

been amended accordingly to provide literal antecedent basis. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that, by reference to the figures and specifically Figs. 4 and 5, along with the specification at the second paragraph of page 8, the "tenon" is described as performing a locking or latching function by selectably engaging within a positioning recess 741 of a positioning disk 74. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the phrase "locking pin" is clearly supported by the original specification and clearly describes the claimed element.

Additional amendments have been made to the claims to correct minor matters of form.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments described serve to obviate the rejections of the claims, and that claims 1-6 are therefore allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

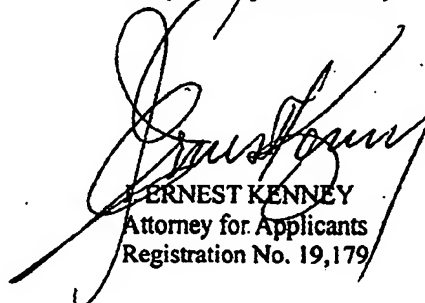
In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1-6 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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